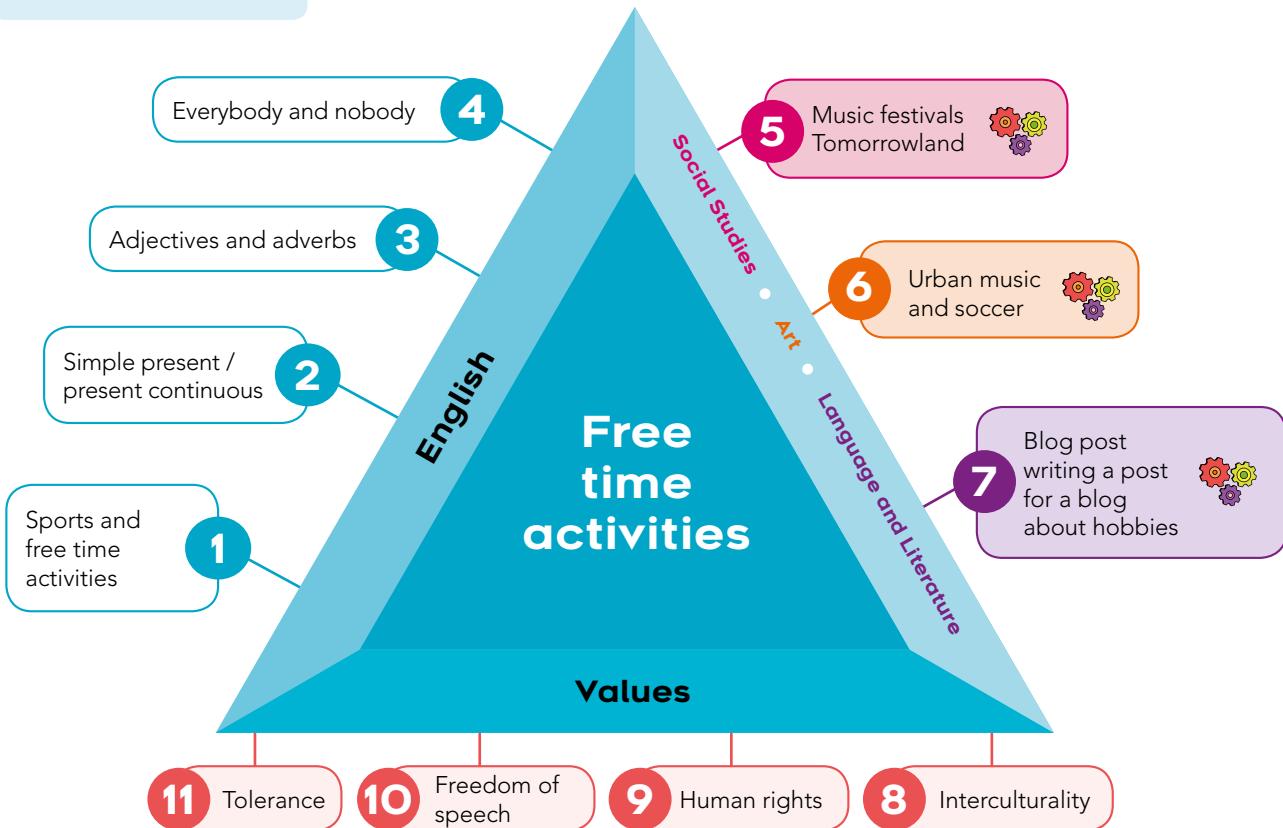


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What do you do in your free time?

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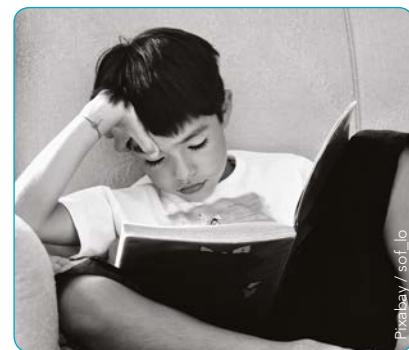
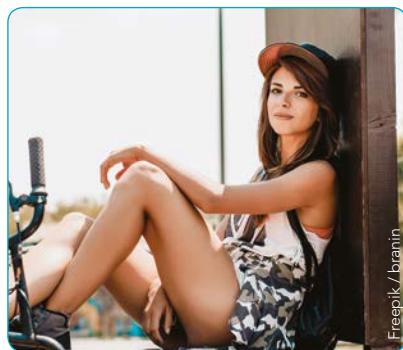
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Time management is the key to success and having fun

It's common for everybody to spend their free time doing interesting activities, for example, playing sports, listening to music, reading books, etc. Nowadays, people can choose from a lot of

hobbies to have fun or learn something new. There are indoor and outdoor activities, paid or free, in groups or alone. You decide. The time you spend on yourself is priceless.



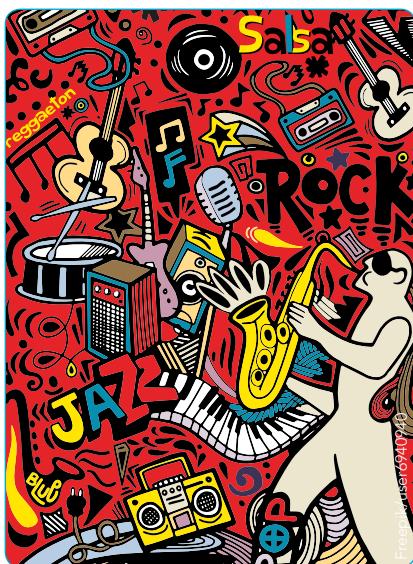
- What do you usually do after school?
- Are you interested in starting a new hobby? Which one? Why?

Communication and Cultural Awareness

How does music make you feel?

Culture

Music can make people feel better in so many ways. It has the incredible power to connect people and change their mood. Pop, jazz, reggaeton, salsa, bachata, all genres are unique and valuable.



Did you know that you can manage stress and cure an illness with music? In some universities in the United Kingdom (UK), professors offer their students the opportunity to lower their stress level by listening to music or learning to play an instrument. It works effectively because people who relax with music before or after any activity feel better and they study happily.



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All the courses start in a quiet environment. Participants listen to classical or instrumental music in a quiet room. Then, a lovely voice says: "Breathe, and feel the music in your heart." After this short meditation, students go to their different classes; for example, guitar, piano lessons, or hip-hop. They learn about instruments and music theory. Finally, students have the opportunity to compose songs and play in a band. As Nietzsche said: "Without music, life is a mistake."

1. Answer the questions below in complete sentences in your own words.

a. According to the reading, what are the two main benefits of music therapy?

b. How do the courses start?

c. Do you think it is important to relax after a difficult task? Why?

Adverbs are words that describe verbs. In English, many of them end in -ly:

- Adjective + ly:
sad = sadly
- Adjective ending in "y" = change "y" to "i", add "-ly"
Happy = happily

Vocabulary

illness. Sickness.

mistake. Error.

2. Complete these students' opinions about music therapy. Choose an adjective from the box and write its corresponding adverb in the blank.

quick

happy

effective

correct

"For me, music therapy works _____. My performance in class is great." -Kelly

"After piano lessons, I study _____. I always smile." -Robert

"I do all my math homework _____. I get only 10." -Mia

"I run _____ in Physical Education class. I'm fast." -Ben

Oral Communication

Do you feel stressed before an exam?



Vocabulary

relieve. To reduce or eliminate.

Tips

You can use these expressions to express surprise: *Gosh!* *Poor thing!*

Oh my goodness! Really?

1. Listen to Gina and Bob talk about a music festival and decide if the statements are TRUE or FALSE.

- a. Gina has to take four exams today. True False
- b. Gina is ready for the exams. True False
- c. Bob really likes rock music. True False
- d. Gina and her cousin play in a band. True False

2. Listen again and answer the following questions in complete sentences.

- a. Why does Bob want to go to that music festival?

- b. Do you enjoy music festivals? Why?

3. Create a similar conversation. Use the conversation strategies.

– Student A:

– Student B:

– Student A:

– Student B:

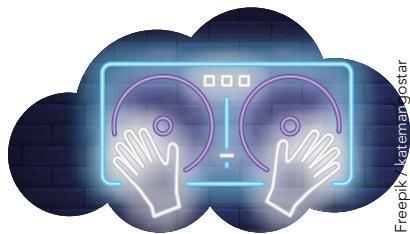
– Student A:

– Student B:



Reading

Do you like electronic music? Why or why not?



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Value: Freedom of speech

Pop, hip-hop, reggaeton, salsa, cumbia, vallenato, etc. It does not matter what your favorite music is, just do not forget an important thing: Music does not define you as a person, your values and actions do.

Do you love electronic music? Go to Tomorrowland. It happens once a year (every summer between June and July). It takes place in Belgium. A great number of people go every year. Electronic music lovers of all ages go there to experience the music with DJs and music producers. Each festival has a different theme. For example, the 2018 theme was "The Story of Planaxis". What about the tickets and their price? This is the difficult part: the tickets are sold out in minutes. The prices depend on the type of ticket and the **accommodation** you choose. People spend between 98€ and 6000€. Yes, it's very expensive! The performers are musicians and DJs like David Guetta, Martin Solveig, Armin van Buuren, Steve Angelo, Axwell Ingrosso, Dimitri Vegas, and others. Tomorrowland is not only about music; it is an amazing theatrical production with **mind-blowing** sets and magical sceneries.



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1. Answer the following questions in your own words based on the reading.

a. How old are the people who go this event?

b. How much do people spend on the tickets?

c. Are you interested in this event? Why or why not?

2. Some friends are considering going to the Tomorrowland festival. Choose the correct verb and write it in the **present simple** or **present continuous** form.

plan

love

buy

like



Vocabulary

accommodation. A place to live, work, stay, etc.

mind-blowing. Extremely, amazing, incredible.

Joseph _____ Tomorrowland festival, so he _____ a trip to Belgium for the next year. Charles and Stephanie _____ pop music, but they know nothing about electronic music. Today they _____ a David Guetta CD to listen to this kind of music.

Writing

Do you like school events and parties?

1. Imagine you are the principal of your school and you are organizing a social event for all the teachers and students.

Follow these simple steps to write easily:

- a. Choose the kind of event you want to organize, and give it a title.
- b. Decide the place, the date, and the time.
- c. Decide the cost and the activities.

2. Write an ad for an event. Follow this format:

EXAMPLE:

End of term party

Come and join us at this event.

The school is organizing a great party at The Lovers Bar on Eloy Alfaro Avenue. The party starts at 6:00 pm, and it finishes at midnight. There are some activities like live music, fast-food, and many surprises. It's a free event. We hope you can come.



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Title:

Place and date:

Activities:

Price:

Grammar note

Remember that you use:

AT + time. → The match is at 9:30 pm.

ON + days. → The concert is on Saturday.

IN + months. → The championship is in January.

ON + complete date. → My birthday is on July 27th.

Language Through the Arts

Who are your favorite urban singers?

Urban music



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Defining urban music is very difficult because the most popular music belongs to this genre, and it changes every day. Urban music began in the 1980s and includes a multicultural diversity of amazing artists. A large, mostly young audience listens to this music. Today's popular artists belong to the urban genre. Some examples of urban music are reggaeton and hip-hop. It also influences traditional rhythms such as Latin pop, dance, soul, salsa, cumbia, and merengue, but it isn't related to jazz or rock. Those are different genres. The Latin Grammy Awards is an important ceremony that gives prizes to the best urban songs, singers, and bands.



Value: Human rights

Everybody has the right to express themselves as they like. Music, no matter the genre, is a way of cultural expression.



1. Circle the correct answers based on the article.

- Urban music is:
a. a modern genre b. old Latin music c. easy to define
- This genre is related to:
a. rock music b. hip-hop c. jazz
- Young audiences listen to
a. jazz b. urban music c. soul

2. Each of these people are interested in music, but in different ways. Match to make simple present sentences.



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Irene usually



dance hip-pop music
with my friends.

Peter doesn't
like to



listen to music
while he works.

I like to



create a dance school
in our neighborhood.

My cousin and I
want to



sing reggaeton while
she is cooking.



Oral Communication

What kind of concerts do you like to go to?

1. Listen to the conversation. Answer the questions in your own words.

- a. Where are they?

- b. Where is John looking for his wallet?



Tips

Remeber you use:
“Can you help me?” to ask
for help.
“Hurry up!” if you are in a

2. Imagine a similar situation between you and a friend. Write a short dialogue of 40-50 words to perform in front of the class. Use at least three verbs in the present continuous.

Vocabulary

hurry up. Do something quickly.

Communication and Cultural Awareness

Are you a big soccer fan?

Culture

Soccer is a very popular sport in many countries around the world. At any time, people are playing this sport on a field, in a park, or in school. There are millions of soccer fans. There are also many local and international championships. The most famous is, of course, the FIFA World Cup every four years.



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FIFA U-20 World Cup is a championship in which male players under twenty years old participate. Twenty-four teams from different countries participate in this **tournament** every two years.

FIFA World Cup is another great championship, but in this one, professional male players are the protagonists. There are a total of sixty-four matches. FIFA organizes it every four years. The champion in 2018 was France; in the **play-off** against Belgium the score was 1-0, and in the final tournament against Croatia it was 4-2. There's also a female championship.

1. Answer the following questions in complete sentences.
 - a. What are the different kinds of FIFA competitions?

 - b. Do you like soccer? What's your favorite Ecuadorian team?

 - c. Do you think soccer is a popular sport in your country?

 - d. Write some details you know about your favorite soccer team.

Grammar note

Use the **present progressive** for actions that are happening right now, future plans or predictions.

Affirmative: Subject + to be + verb-ing

Negative: Subject + to be + negative + verb-ing

Yes/No Question: to be + Subject + verb-ing ?

champion score tied tournament team

2. Complete the sentences with one word from the box. There's one extra option.
 - a. This _____ is short. It has only twelve matches.
 - b. The match is _____. The score is 2-2.
 - c. I don't want my favorite _____ to lose, but the score is 1-0.
 - d. Real Madrid is the _____ this year.

3. Create your own sentences with these words:

- a. play-off: _____
- b. championship: _____
- c. win: _____
- d. lose: _____



Vocabulary

play-off. Game to decide who is playing in the final.

tournament. A series of games.

Oral Communication

What popular championship are you familiar with?

1. Listen to this interview with a soccer expert.
2. Write the name of the championship and the country.

	Championship	Country
1		
2		
3		

3. Listen again. Write the details about what is happening.

	Details
1	
2	
3	

4. What is your prediction for the current soccer match in Quito? Explain why.

5. Complete the sentences with one verb from the box. Use the simple present or present continuous.

play

win

talk

train

take

sign

- Right now, the reporters _____ to Lionel Messi about his last match.
- Some soccer players _____ at Estadio Olímpico Atahualpa.
- Antonio Valencia _____ some autographs, but he _____ selfies with his fans.
- Barcelona and Deportivo Quito _____ in Guayaquil, they _____ in Quito at this moment.

Vocabulary

tie(d). Both teams have the same score.



Language Through the Arts

Are you good at dancing?

Culture

Dance is a beautiful artistic expression. Anyone can participate and feel the rhythm. All around the world, there are thousands of dancers competing and participating in different championships.



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"When you are dancing you are not only moving your body, you are also communicating. Your mind is experiencing new perceptions and new ideas. Many dancing schools can help you to **improve** your skills. You can practice different styles: traditional, modern, classic, urban, etc. And, if you are disciplined, maybe you can be part of a dance competition.

There are some dance championships. One of them is the famous World Hip Hop Dance Championship. In this competition, teams from over fifty countries participate, and competitors are trying to show the culture and art of their countries. In this kind of championship, there are various categories and styles, like breakdance and hip hop. In these events, you can meet great dancers and artists from different cities around the world. What style of dancing do you like to practice?

1. Based on the article, decide if the sentences are True or False.
 - a. Dancing helps people express feelings. True False
 - b. Dance schools only teach classic dancing styles. True False
 - c. In World Hip Hop Dance Championship there's only one style. True False
2. Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Then, discuss them with your classmates. Pay attention to your verb forms.
 - a. What do you think of hip-hop? Is this a common type of music in your country?

 - b. How do you feel when you are dancing?

 - c. Do you think soccer is a popular sport in your country?

 - d. Do you think dancing is popular all over the world? Explain.



Vocabulary

improve. Make better.

Oral Communication

Are you good at predicting scores in a soccer game?

1. Listen to the conversation between Karla and Christian after they listened to an interview.
2. Who would say each of the following? Write Christian, Karla, or both.

a. John knows a lot about soccer.

b. Liga is the best team.

c. Nacional is number one.

3. From the dialogue, what expression can you use to express surprise?

4. Write the end of the conversation, 3 more lines for Karla and 3 for Christian. Use expressions of surprise.

Karla: _____

Christian: _____

Karla: _____

Christian: _____

Karla: _____

Christian: _____

Value: Human rights

Tolerance is when you respect other opinions, thoughts and beliefs. Never forget that soccer is a sport, a hobby. It is not good to fight with your friends because of a sport. Enjoy as it is.



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Reading

Do you like cycling? If so, how often do you go cycling?



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An Ecuadorian champion

1. Read the article. Underline the new words for you.

Richard Antonio Carapaz Montenegro is a national hero, some people say that. His nickname is “*La Locomotora*” because he cycles fast and furiously. He’s from El Carchi, and he lives in his hometown. He sometimes travels to Italy to train or participate in **races**. He’s married and he has two children. This athlete participates in different **races** around the world. His most important victory is *Giro d’Italia* in 2019. He also has some other medals and trophies. His participation in competitions in Spain, Italy, and Colombia are always the best. His family and friends really admire him because of his perseverance and discipline. Also, his coach is a young lady who motivates him in every competition. Richard is a happy and friendly athlete who enjoys simple but important things in life like family.



Read the article again.
Correct the sentences.

Richard Carapaz:

- a. doesn’t live in Carchi.

- b. doesn’t like to train in Europe.

- c. participates only in Latin America.

2. Answer these questions according to the article.

- a. What’s Richard’s last name?

b. Where does Richard usually compete?

- c. What is Richard like? Use your own words:
-
-

3. Match the sentences with the pictures. Pay attention to the words in blue. Write the letters.

- a. There aren’t many **races** in my city.

- b. My coach is **strict**.

- c. My **training** is exhausting.

- d. **Athletes** are perseverant.



Vocabulary

race. A competition in which the fastest wins.

Writing

What famous athletes does Ecuador have?

Let's write a biography

1. Answer these questions:

a. Who is your favorite athlete? Why?

b. What do you know about him/ her?

c. Is he/she doing something interesting these days?

2. Write two positive ideas and three negative ideas about the person.

Positive ideas	Negative ideas

3. Now, match the ideas using *and* and *but*.



What's a biography?

A biography is a short story about a person. Using your notes above, write a short biography of 50-60 words about your favorite athlete. Use simple present and present progressive.

Include this information: Name, nationality, job, age.

Grammar note

Linkers: *and*, *but*

Use *and* to link to similar ideas, positive ideas.

Examples: I like soccer, *and* I play it every day.

Use *but* to link a positive and a negative idea.

Examples: I don't like soccer, *but* I love basketball.

Assessment

Speaking

Part 1

- 1—Interview a classmate about sports and music. Ask them the following questions and create two of your own. Take notes.

a. What do you think about studying while the music is playing?

b. Who is your favorite singer or band? Why?

c. How often do you play sports?

d. Do you think sports are important to relieve stress?

e. _____

f. _____

Share the information with the class.

Student B



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Part 2

- 2—Describe these pictures about hobbies. Describe the people and the place. Use at least three descriptive adjectives in each.

Student A



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Listening

- 3—Listen to two friends and fill in the blanks in the sentences.

a. Jaime is using her headphones to

b. Jamie likes a group called

c. Ed Sheeran is

d. John and Jamie don't like

e. Jamie suggests they go to a _____ together.

Assessment

What do you do in your free time?

Reading

- 1 Read these newscasts about two sport events in the Olympic Games. Choose one verb from the box and complete the newscasts. Use the verb in the present progressive in affirmative or negative.

play **finish** **report** **write**

look do approach

Posted 9:45

Female cycling BMX

Right now, I'm in Rio de Janeiro. I _____ on my blog about the Olympic Games. The Peruvian competitor is not in the race because she is hurt. Meanwhile, the American representative is in first place, and the Colombian athlete is in second, but she is very close. She _____ dangerously... and now she is in first place. The race _____ now ...and the winner is the Colombian girl, Mariana Pajon.

-Kathy

Posted 10:20

Basketball – male

Hi readers. Thanks for visiting my blog.
Now, I'm in the coliseum in Sao Paulo, I
_____ you all the news of the final
game. The United States and Serbia team

_____ . The game is almost over, and the American team _____ with 96 points. The Serbian team _____ for a last opportunity to score, they _____ a good job. The result is the United States 96 points and Serbia 66. The Olympic winner is the American team.

-Jonathan

Writing

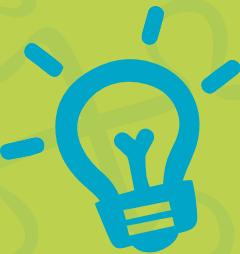
- 2** Write a short post for a blog. Tell your friends about other popular sports in your country apart from soccer. Include these details: the kind of sport and where people can play it. Write 60 to 80 words. Use simple present and linkers.

I'm completing this self-evaluation based on what I learned in the module.

Self-evaluation

Self-evaluation	I check ✓ the box that most applies to me			
Topics	I do it very well	I do it somewhat well	I can improve	I can't do it without help
I can talk about my favorite music.				
I can write an ad for an event.				
I can describe activities I'm doing at a specific time.				
I can contrast ideas with <i>and</i> and <i>but</i> .				

Project 1



The leisure activities we like

We all have different tastes in music, sports, and leisure activities. Let's find out what our classmates like and don't like.

Tips

Remember that sometimes people don't want to answer *yes* or *no*, they prefer *maybe* or *I don't know*. So give them those options too for yes/no questions.

STEP 1

- Form groups of three students. Think of ideas and words you know related to leisure activities. Write some notes on the lines below:

STEP 2

- Now in your notebooks, write 5 different questions that are related to the notes you have in step 1. They can be yes/no questions, or multiple choice. Use the present tense. The purpose of the questions is to see your classmates' opinions.

Example: Do you like to play baseball?

Yes No I don't know

My favorite sport is:

soccer tennis basketball volleyball

STEP 3

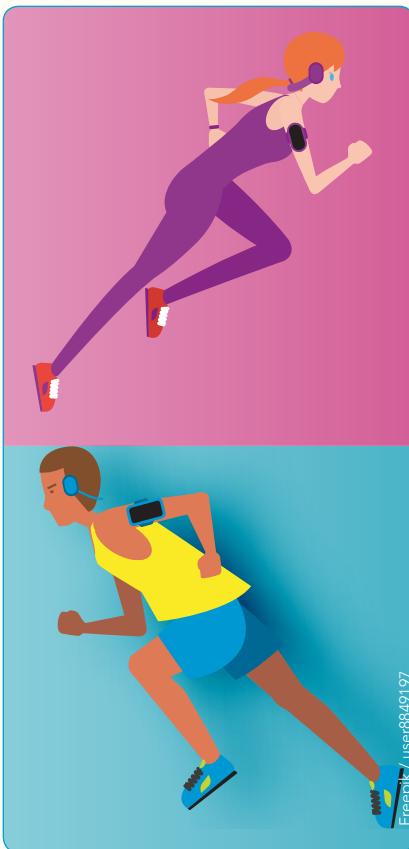
- Check your questions with your teacher.

STEP 4

- Go around the classroom and ask your classmates for their answers. Write them down.

STEP 5

- Present the results of your questionnaire to your class. Do you have a lot in common?



Let's review

Vocabulary

- 1— Complete these sentences. Choose one word from the box. There's one extra word.

competitive popular relaxing
cheap stressing

- Music therapy is a _____ way to manage stress.
- Soccer is a _____ sport around the world.
- In China, people can buy _____ souvenirs.
- Video games aren't only for _____ people.



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Grammar

- 2— Complete the sentences with one word. You can use prepositions or and, but.

- My birthday is _____ December 29th.
- I love soccer _____ I like volleyball.
- The class starts _____ 8:15 am.
- I'm from Machala, _____ I live in Guayaquil.

Reading

- 3— Match the sentences. There's one extra option. Write the letter.

- a traditional market.
- b an electronic music festival
- c an Ecuadorian athlete.
- d a talented artist.
- e a challenge for players.

- Tomorrowland is
- Richard Carapaz is
- A handicraftsman is
- An adventure video game is

Grammar

- 4— Complete the sentences. Use present progressive. Use one verb from the box. There's one extra word.

make change communicate
visit have

- Urban music _____ every day.
- When you dance, you _____ with your body.
- Many tourists _____ Ecuador every year.
- I _____ new friends because I play video games online.

Communication and Cultural Awareness

Do you want to go to China?

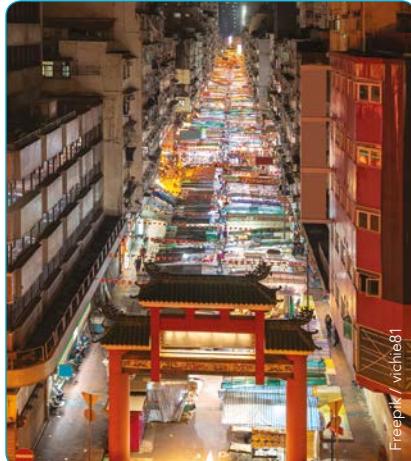
Culture

One of the most exciting free time activities is traveling and buying souvenirs for friends or family. Tourists can find plenty of souvenirs in local markets, and people can also learn about the culture of the place. An important aspect to know is how to **bargain**.

Shopping in China!

Many people like shopping in China. Why? Because the prices are reasonable and you can find amazing clothes, jewelry and souvenirs. Shopping in China is an incredible cultural experience because tourists and local people can **bargain**. Nobody gets bored in those markets. There are some important tips you have to know before **bargaining** in China:

- Learn some useful Chinese phrases. For example: Ni hao ma? (How are you?); Duo shao qian? (How much is it?); Tai gui le! (too expensive); pian yi dian? (give me a lower price). You may get a better price for **bargaining** in Chinese instead of English.
- Always be polite and pretend you are not too interested.
- Use body language.
- Have fun learning about Chinese culture in local markets.



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1. Decide if the sentences are True or False.

- a. You can buy expensive souvenirs in China. T F
- b. Everybody can **bargain** in China. T F
- c. You should speak English to buy souvenirs. T F
- d. You can't show too much interest. T F

2. Discuss these questions with a partner.

- a. Do you ever go shopping in local markets?
- b. When you are on vacation, what do you usually buy? Why?
- c. Do you **bargain**? Why or why not?

3. Imagine you are in China. Brainstorm some ideas on what activities you would like to do there. Then, pair up and share your answers with your partner. Make sure to ask follow-up questions, like "Why?" "For how long?" "Which one (s)?"

Vocabulary



bargain. Ask for a lower price.

Oral Communication

Is bargaining popular in your city? When can people bargain?

Listen to these tourists. They are buying souvenirs in the Cuzco market in Peru.

1. Choose the correct answer.

a. How does Mike describe the market?

lovely

wonderful

colorful

b. What does Susan want to buy?

a sweater

a toy llama

a bag

c. What is the first price of the souvenir Susan wants?

\$30

\$25

\$20

d. What is the final price of the souvenir?

\$30

\$25

\$20

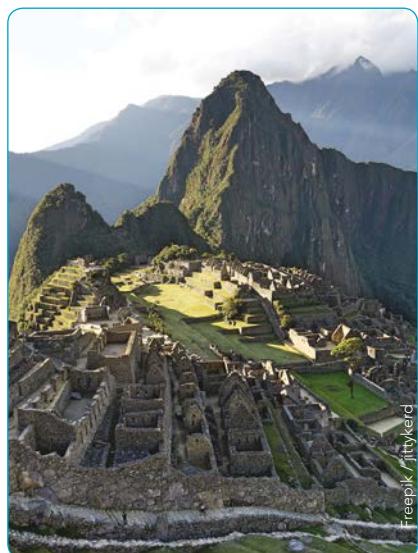
2. What are the phrases you can use to **bargain**? Complete the sentences:

a. It _____ thirty dollars.

b. I think it's _____. Will you _____ twenty?

c. I'm _____, but thirty is a good _____.

Wait, I'll _____ you have it for twenty-five.



Create a similar conversation that takes place with tourists in a market in Ecuador. Use the expressions in activity 2.

Do you **bargain**? If so, where and how often do you do it? If not, why not? Write down your answer. Then, share it with your classmates.

Tips

Conversation strategies:

Will you take \$10? = Would you take \$10?

You can have it for \$15. = I'll let you have it for \$15.

Vocabulary

thanks anyway. Thank you, but no.

Reading

Do you have any hobbies? Do you know people who have unusual hobbies?

- Read the blog about unusual hobbies in the world. Do these items surprise you?

Unusual hobbies, unusual souvenirs!

Think of an unusual hobby. Provide as many details as possible. Then, share it in front of the class. Once, everyone is done. Decide on the most unusual hobby.

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Soap or art?

In Thailand, **handicraftsmen** make beautiful pieces of art with soap. This art started many centuries ago. Nowadays, it is really common to see these pieces of art at markets for good prices. Tourists can find all types of soap at all different prices.

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Carving eggshells

What do you do with eggshells? Do you throw them out? Well, in Beijing, China, they don't. They create sculptures with eggshells. This piece of art is a perfect birthday or wedding gift. Tourists and local people can find them in shops and street markets.

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Shell jewelry

If you love jewelry, this is the perfect souvenir for you. In some cities on the Ecuadorian Coast like Atacames or Tonsupa, handicraftsmen collect all kind of shells from the seashore, and they make earrings, necklaces, even clothes. People buy them in local markets at great prices. They sometimes bargain.

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Dragons in the street

Can you imagine dragons in Latin America? This is not a dream; it's a reality. A fantasy artist from Buenos Aires, Argentina, creates and sells dragons. The material he uses is **clay**. Every Sunday, tourists can visit San Telmo and buy this unusual souvenir.

- Read again. Write the details about each item.

	Place	Material	Interesting characteristic
Soap or art?			
Carving eggshells			
Shell jewelry			
Dragons in the street			

Vocabulary

carve. Sculpt.

handicraftsmen. Artisan.

clay. Substance for modeling.

Writing

How can tourists plan their trips?

1. How can tourists plan their trips? Well, they usually read blogs and interesting articles that people write. Now you are going to be the author of one of those blogs about a city or town you know. Answer these questions before you write the post:

a. What is a popular place to buy souvenirs in the city or town?

b. What can people buy there?

c. How about the prices? Can people bargain?

d. Can you give some advice to people who visit that place?



2. Write a post of 40-50 words for a blog about souvenirs. Use the questions above to help you. Use the present tense.

POST

Tips

Start your paragraph with a thesis statement. That is, start your paragraph with a sentence that summarizes the main idea of your text. Take for instance, the following sentence in blue: I think tourists should take some precautions when they visit crowded places. First, tourists should never be alone. Second, tourists should put away their cameras and smart phones. Third, tourists should wear their backpacks on their front. All in all, keep an eye on everything you carry.



Language Through the Arts

What can people do in Otavalo?



People all over the world visit Ecuador, and they go to iconic places. One of these places is *Plaza de los Ponchos* in Otavalo. In this place, visitors can take amazing pictures, and, of course, choose from thousands of souvenirs to buy. Also, this is the perfect place for people who enjoy taking photos because the market is an interesting and lively place. For everybody who loves going to festivals or going sightseeing in their free time, Otavalo is perfect. The city offers a lot of cultural activities for the whole family; for example, adventurers go cycling, trekking in the mountains, or kayaking. Visiting the lakes and traditional restaurants is a good idea to enjoy the view and try typical food.

1. Answer the following questions:

- a. What can people do in the Plaza de los Ponchos?

- b. Describe the Plaza de los Ponchos. Use your own words.

- c. What else can people do in Otavalo?

2. Get into groups of 4 students and ask your classmates the following questions:

- a. Is it important for us to know traditional places to buy souvenirs like Plaza de los Ponchos? Support your answers.

- b. What other traditional places to buy souvenirs do you know?

- c. Do you think traditional places like the Plaza de los Ponchos are related to Ecuadorian culture? Support your answers.



Oral Communication

How often do you go on vacation? Do you usually call your friends when you are on a trip?

Going on vacation

1. Listen to the conversation between Susan and Mike and complete the sentences with the words below.

cycling

enjoying

visiting

having

taking

- a. Susan and Mike are _____ Otavalo.
- b. Susan and Mike are _____ their trip to Otavalo a lot.
- c. Susan and Mike are going _____ in two hours.
- d. Mike is _____ some pictures right now.

2. Answer the following questions. Then, pair up and share your answers with your classmates.

Do you prefer going on vacation with your friends or with your relatives? Or maybe on your own?



Tips

When you are discussing your opinions with others, remember two important phrases you can use to respond to someone's opinion:

I agree when you think the same and *I disagree* when your opinion is different.

Communication and Cultural Awareness

Do you think it is important to be competitive?

Culture

How competitive are people in the United States? In many aspects of life, people in the United States are taught how to compete when they are young children, and this competitiveness often continues when they are adults.

Some differences between the USA and Ecuador

When you see a typical American teen movie, competitions are often involved! As a matter of fact, idioms like, “**Go big or go home!**” or “Give it your all!” reflect the way people in the United States perceive what being competitive means. This includes many aspects of life: sports, school, work, even video games.

Teens in Ecuador may be competitive as well, but usually they don’t take it too seriously because it’s just for fun. They can enjoy sports, school, or video games and appreciate healthy competition. The emphasis is more on having fun in the process, and not who wins or loses...except maybe in soccer!



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1. Answer the questions below in complete sentences in your own words.

- a. According to the reading, are teens in the USA and Ecuador equally competitive?

- b. What does a typical American teen movie usually involve?

- c. Do you consider yourself a competitive person? Do you think being competitive has positive or negative effects on people?

Vocabulary

go big or go home. Make every single effort.



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Oral Communication

How important are video games in Ecuadorian society?

Before listening

Do you like video games?

What is your favorite one?

1. Listen to Steve and Tammy talk about video games and decide whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE.
 - a. Steve likes violent video games. True False
 - b. Tammy doesn't like violent video games. True False
 - c. Steve's favorite video game is FIFA. True False
 - d. They are playing video games after school. True False
2. Listen again and answer the following questions in complete sentences.
 - a. Why does Steve like FIFA?

 - b. Do you enjoy playing video games? Why? Share your answer with your classmate next to you and talk about it.

3. Answer the following questions. Then, pair up and share your answers with your classmates.

- a. Do you think it is acceptable for a person to be violent just because this person loves violent video games?

- b. Do you think violence makes a person look cool?

- c. Do you think video games cause societies to be more violent in real life? Explain.



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Tips

Young people like Steve and Tammy like to use colloquial or familiar language. This is language that is appropriate for speaking but not always for writing.

Some examples that they use are “guess what?” and “for real?” Do you know what these expressions mean?

Language through the Arts

What is a popular video game in Ecuador?

Vocabulary

to infer. Deduce, conclude, or guess.

to customize. Modify to your personal likes.

to crush. Defeat, destroy.



Clash of Clans

"In 2012, Supercell created an epic strategy game for cellphones called Clash of Clans. Nowadays, a lot of young people from different parts of the world play this game. What is interesting about this game is the possibility of practicing your writing skills in the language of your preference. This awesome game allows you to customize a village, build an army, crush your opponents, and either join or establish a clan. As soon as you build your clan castle, you can start joining clans and getting to know other players who will help you practice your writing and reading skills and learn a lot of new vocabulary. This is a great opportunity to have fun while practicing your English with native speakers!"

1. Circle the correct answers based on the reading.

- Clash of Clans is:
 - a. an adventure game
 - b. a strategy game
 - c. a race game
- The skills you can practice in this game are:
 - a. listening and speaking
 - b. reading and listening
 - c. reading and writing
- You can join a clan once you:
 - a. build your clan castle
 - b. customize your village
 - c. crush your enemies

2. Get into groups and imagine you have your own clan in Clash of Clans. Does it have rules? If so, what are the rules? Does it have a shield? If so, what color is it? Brainstorm as many ideas as you can. Then, share your ideas with the whole class.

Grammar note

In British English, you can use have/has got instead of have:

British: My clan has got a red flag. (My clan has a red flag.)

British: Our clan hasn't got rules. (Our clan doesn't have rules.)



Oral Communication

Are you good at predicting scores in a soccer game?

- Before listening to the conversation, answer the following questions in groups:

a. What activities do you usually do when you visit your friends?

b. Do you need to ask for permission?

c. Are you doing anything with your friends this weekend?

- Now, listen to the conversation and answer these questions in your own words.

a. Where are they at the moment?

b. Where are they going?

b. What is Tammy taking to Steve's?

- Imagine a similar situation with you and a friend. Write a short dialogue of 10 lines to perform in front of the class.

Tips

Notice how Tammy says, “what kind of question is that?” to Steve when he asks if she is going to his house.

This is called a “rhetorical question” because it is one for which Tammy doesn’t expect an answer, but it is actually a comment to say “that is obvious!”



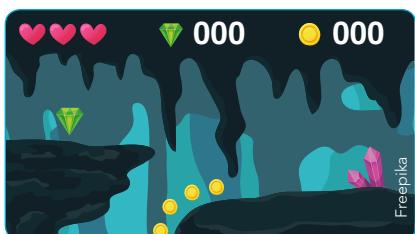
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Vocabulary

come over. Go to a person's house.

Reading

What type of video games do you like?



Video games are so popular with teens that it may seem they could spend days playing them. They are a way to release stress and to have a good time. There are many different types of video games. Some of them are listed below:

- Action video games: They involve shooting, attacking, and fighting. *E.g.* Call of Duty.
- Adventure video games: They follow a story line and they look like movies. *E.g.* Minecraft
- Racing video games: They include cars and **pursuits**. *E.g.* Need for Speed.
- Strategy video games: They develop thinking skills. *E.g.* Plants vs Zombies.
- Sports video games: They are related to sports or athletics. *E.g.* FIFA.

1. Answer the following questions in your own words based on the reading.

a. What does playing video games do?

b. What type of video game seems the most violent?

c. What type of video game makes you think a lot?

2. What kind of video game(s) are you interested in? Answer the question and divide the class by getting into groups according the types of video games you have in common with your classmates. Share as many opinions and details as you can.

3. What kind of video game is the most popular in the class? Do you think that kind of video game reflects the class behavior?



Vocabulary

e.g. For example.

pursuits. Following someone or something.

Writing

What is the name of your favorite game?

1. Imagine you receive an email from a friend, John, about your favorite game or video game. Your friend asks you these questions:
 - a. What is the name of your favorite game or video game?
 - b. Why do you like it?
 - c. Do you play alone, with one other person, or in groups?
 - d. Is it easy to play?
 - e. What are the rules?
2. Respond to John's e-mail, follow these simple steps to write easily:

- a. Write your friend's email address:

To: *thisisanexample@live.com*

- b. Write the topic of your e-mail in the subject line.

Subject: Crash Video game.

- c. Write a greeting with your friend's name, followed by a comma.

Hi John,

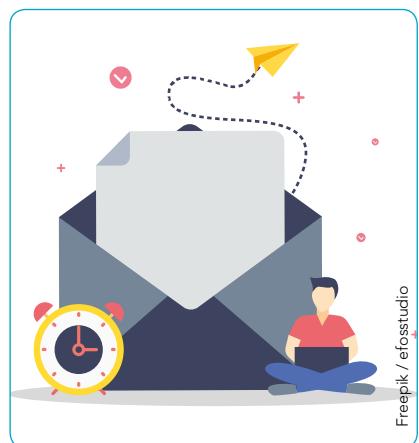
- d. Thank your friend for their email.

- e. Answer the question(s) using present tense and intensifiers.

- f. Finish with an informal email closing line, followed by a comma.

See you soon,

- g. Write your name.



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From: _____
(your email)

To: _____
(your friend's mail)

Subject: Video games.

Hi _____

See you _____ ,

Grammar note

Intensifiers with adjectives:
Intensifiers are words that are placed before adjectives to make them have a stronger meaning.

Quite easy

Extremely violent

Really complicated

Exceptionally entertaining

Assessment

Speaking

- 1—Interview a classmate about video games, traveling, and some outdoor activities. Ask them the following questions and create two of your own. Take notes.

a. What game(s) do you like? Why?

b. What indoor activities do you usually do on vacation?

c. What outdoor activities do you do on vacation?

d. How often do you visit a local market?

e.

f.



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Listening

- 2—Listen to the journalist. Decide if the sentences are True or False.

a. Parque Artesanal Loma de la Cruz in Cali is a park.

True

False

b. Tourists cannot buy many things.

True

False

c. There are salsa lessons in the evening.

True

False

d. On Sunday, people can enjoy a show.

True

False

- 3—Answer the following questions. Then, pair up and share your answers with your classmates.

Describe your perfect vacation. Imagine you are there. Where are you? Who are you with? What places can you find there?

Assessment

What do you do in your free time?

Reading

- 1** — Read this email:

From: Paul
usa.friend@hotmail.com

To: Paul
ecuadorian.friend@hotmail.com

Subject: Paul
usa.friend@hotmail.com

Hi there,

How are you doing? I hope all is well. My teacher asked me to write an essay about my best friend, so I have a couple of questions for you. What are your favorite hobbies in Ecuador? Do you have a favorite game you can play in teams or groups?

I just can't wait to visit you in Ecuador next summer.

See you soon,

Paul.

Writing

- 2**—Respond to Paul's e-mail. Answer his questions.

- a. Say
 - what your favorite hobbies are.
 - what kind of games you like and why.
 - b. Write a 50-65 word email

- Once you are done, exchange your e-mail with a classmate. Read your classmate's e-mail. Check if he/she: answered all the questions, has correct grammar and vocabulary.
 - Return the books. Improve your email by following your partner's suggestions.
 - Write a clean version to turn in to your teacher.

I'm completing this self-evaluation based on what I learned in the module.

Self-evaluation

Self-evaluation	I check ✓ the box that most applies to me			
Topics	I do it very well	I do it somewhat well	I can improve	I can't do it without help
I can use expressions to bargain at local markets.				
I can talk about handicrafts.				
I can use expression when I'm surprised.				
I can write an email using intensifiers.				

Project 2

Your original video game on a blog

Let's find out how creative you and your classmates are.

STEP 1

- Get into groups of four students. Brainstorm some ideas for an original video game. Write them here.

STEP 2

- Come to an agreement with each other on which video game you are going to choose to design your own blog about it. Tell your teacher about your final decision.

STEP 3

- Make sure your blog has these elements:
 - A title
 - A couple of posts (or entries)
 - Images of your video game
 - Comments
 - Feel free to ask your teacher for clarification if it is needed

STEP 4

- Prepare a 5-minute oral presentation with pictures of your blog. Use the simple present and intensifiers during your presentation. Don't forget to use all the new vocabulary you have learned so far. Every member of the group needs to speak.

STEP 5

- Once all the presentations are over, compare your blogs. Do they have a lot in common?



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